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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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EDIFICATION AND

People Need Encouragement in These Days of Gloom And Sorrow.

God's Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways And we Must Conform to His Ways.

God has provided great blessings for the human race. While all get a share, He has special blessings for His faithful children. This is shown by the words of Jesus when He said He would manifest Himself unto His saints in a manner that He would not unto the world.

If God has any favorites at all they are His faithful children that love and obey Him. But this does not mean He will keep them free from afflictions, but it means He will deliver them from or out of the afflictions in His own good way. Psalms 34:19.

Afflictions fell upon Paul so thick and fast that he even despaired of life (2 Cor. 1:8). This was not because he had done wrong, but it was rather because he had done right and the devil and the world were combined to make it rough for him.

Some people seem to think that trouble comes on people because they do wrong. They think that if sickness overtakes one it is because that one has done wrong in some way. But who would condemn Paul and say he did wrong when he suffered such awful affliction at the hands of the Jews? Or who would condemn Job and say he did wrong when God Himself said he was a perfect man? Both of these men had the approval of God and yet He suffered them tormented and afflicted until they despaired of life.

I see that same old spirit is still in the world that was in Job's miserable comforters. I do not want to get it in me. It is my desire to bring edification and comfort instead of criticism and condemnation.

When Job's three friends came to him they were speechless for a whole week and after they were finally able to speak, among the first words that were spoken were not words of comfort or cheer or edification, but words of condemnation. Eliphaz spoke first and among other things said, "Who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed?"

This is the same as to say, Now Job, you have sinned; you have done wickedly or this calamity and sickness would not have come upon you. Right at a time when he needed some edification and comfort he had to take a long blast of condemnation and criticism. Then in a few minutes Eliphaz told of a vision he had and of course in the vision he was instructed about where Job's faults were.

This reads like some I have heard of in our day. Listen, "Now a thing was secretly brought to me," said this allwise (?) Eliphaz, "and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my

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before he left him. But there is no record or hint of such a thing. Instead of heaping up condemnation upon the sufferers Paul said, "Let all things be done unto edifying." (1 Cor. 14:26). And edification is the very opposite of condemnation. Edification means to build up and encourage, instead of blast the hopes and discourage.

People need encouragement in these days of gloom and sorrow instead of volleys of words that tend to discourage. How Paul was blessed by the brethren when they came from Rome and met him at Appiifomum, and The three taverns. They edified him; they encouraged and blessed him for Luke said of him that "he thanked God, and took courage." They did not meet Paul with a frown and tell him he had done something wrong or he would not be bound with that awful chain and a condemned prisoner. One special one did not come up and begin to say like Eliphaz that he had been awakened the night before and could not sleep any more because he felt such a burden because God had revealed to him that there is something wrong or you would not be brought in this awful trouble. Nosir, they did not condemn Paul, but they encouraged and blessed him. They administered to him edification and comfort.

When Jesus and the apostles healed so many people I see no trace on the record of where they required the sick ones to make any confessions and get right so they could be healed. It was enough for them to be sick without heaping more trouble upon them, so the multitudes were healed and often there were no questions asked. God's ways are higher than our ways and we must conform to His ways.

When the centurion came to Jesus and told of his servant that was so seriously sick Jesus did not say he had done wrong or he would not have been sick, He merely said, "I will come and heal him." He did not add, "if he will meet the conditions," I will heal him." He said, "I will come and heal him." One of the loving and tender expressions that Jesus made during His ministry was, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17).

If we do not have the power to heal the folks when they are sick I see no benefit in accusing them because they are not healed. When Jesus spit on the blind man's eyes and put His hands on him, and he was not fully healed, He did not say to him, "Now if you had met conditions you would have been healed," neither did He accuse any one, He only "put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up." Then he was restored.

The great need of those who have the spirit of Eliphaz, and the other two friends (?) of Job, is to get deeper into God themselves and cease condemning one another when results do not follow. In my twenty-five years of

experience as a Christian I have noticed that the deepest saints scarcely ever see the faults of others. People usually see things on their own plain. Jesus illustrates this in His sermon on the mount. Listen at Him, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And

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why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considereth not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Paul tells us to "follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (Rom. 14:19.) This is the very opposite from causing division and discord and dissatisfaction and hurting the spirits of one another by the use of rasping words and condemning sentences. "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (1 Cor. 14:3) Preaching that does not measure to this cannot be called prophecy.

Edification means to build up and not to tear down. Exhortation means to encourage people to do right and not to drive or force them. Comfort means to bring peace and happiness instead of wounds and bruises under the influence of the same spirit that was in Job's miserable comforters.

To the Church Paul writes in endearing words when he says, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." (1 Thes. 5:11.) This is good advice to every local church to-day and the whole Church of God. If this is done there will be no confusion. If this is done there will be no backbiting, no devouring of one another, no condemning, no mote hunting, no hurt feelings, no crosses, no criticisms, no accusations whether false or true; but the Church will be built up in holy faith and love and the sick will be healed and souls will be saved and such love among the members until outsiders will be melted to tears and call for pray-

(love) among yourselves: for charity (love) shall cover a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8.)

If I cannot edify by my conversation or my preaching I had better not talk nor preach. If my messages do not edify I had better give no messages. I read where Paul says, "Let all things be done unto edifying." He explains this by saying what may be done, but all must be done in a way to edify. Whether a Psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation. All of these must be in a manner to build up and bless or they had better be left off. Edification and comfort should be the object of every message and every conversation.

Again Paul says, "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." Try to build it up. Encourage one another. Comfort one another. Help one another. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification." (Rom. 15:2.)

Let us find God's ways and follow them. His ways are higher than our ways. God is love and if we conform to His ways as we should we must become a mass of love. When we have this white heated love we will not feel like accusing some sick sufferer of being wrong if he is not healed instantly when prayer is offered. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." (Rom. 13:10.) If I work ill to my neighbor in any way then I am short of the love I need. Love will not be unfriendly, nor do any harm to a neighbor nor wrong him in any manner.

I suppose a baptism of love would cure many ills, and prevent many hard feelings, griefs and heart aches. If there are any people on earth that ought to be free from stinging expressions and rasping words I suppose it ought to be those who are filled with the Holy Ghost. A sufficient amount of love will regulate all these ills. "Above all things have fervent charity

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

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other ministers whose service may be engaged; distributed to each as their position in the church and services rendered may demand.

Distribution & 9/10
The distribution to be in the hands of the local churches, with the General Overseer as advisory counsel, whose duty it shall be to keep a careful record at headquarters the amount each minister receives, in order to be prepared to advise with any local church, and assist them in regulating any irregularities.

Surplus
The surplus to be used for other ministerial purposes, such as opening up new work, assisting work that is not self-sustaining, or any other evangelistic work. The work to be under the supervision of the overseer of state, the local church and pastor, with the General Overseer as advisory counsel.

The above is a brief of the system; the full explanation of the details will be furnished each church as soon as printed.

Plenty of fervent love will make us able to speak words of edification and comfort instead of words that will tend to cause heartaches and discouragement. There is enough gloom in the world without our causing any more. We must be sunbeams of cheer and blessedness in this world of sorrow. A kind word, a tender hand-shake, a pleasant look and a cheery appearance will go a long way toward edification and comfort. No matter how the world blasphemes the worthy name of God or how people go on in sin and rebellion against Him, He still puts the sunshine to them and the pleasant showers to give them food and the comforts of life.

In connection with the financial system the Council decided to furnish all the Bishops, Evangelists, and Deacons engaged in active ministerial work, with report forms so they can make monthly reports to headquarters. The preparation of these report blanks is in the hands of some of the councilors now and as soon as they are completed they will be printed and placed in the hands of the ministers so the full system will be put in operation very soon.

Ministers Tithes

Note 1. Further considering the financial question, it was thought best for all ministers to tithe their tithes direct to headquarters. The Assembly provided that "ministers in active service for the Church shall tithe the offerings they receive and send same to headquarters, or put it in the local treasury." As the place for placing these tithes is left to the ministers to decide the Council only advises that all ministers pay their tithes to headquarters in connection with the reports they are to send in every month.

Note 2. The council wishes to state that although the ruling of the Assembly provided that it is not necessary for the ministers to tithe the tithes that they receive which have previously been tithed, it was not meant to be so rigid but that one can do so if he wishes.

Note 3. It was thought necessary to give an explanation of the manner of dealing with questions in the Assembly and their disposition and settlement. It has been thought by some that every one in the Assembly has to agree with a measure before it is accepted, and that one person objecting to any measure can kill it. This is not the case. Free and liberal discussions are granted, and the Bible teaching on the subject presented a the speakers understand it, and after reasonable time when the General Overseer obtains the general sentiment of the

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Be sure and read about the
financial system in another column.

Foreign Mission day is the 12th
of May next time.

Another new booklet now ready
for circulation entitled, The Doc-
trine of Balaam. Price 10 cents.

My soul is running over with
gratitude to God for the way He
is blessing and prospering His
Church. I am truly thankful I
am a member.

Please notice the last call for
renewal of Evangelist's creden-
tials in another column. Hope
every one will attend to this
promptly.

There is a call to observe
"Mother's day" in the Sunday-
schools of our country the second
Sunday in May, the same day as
set apart for missionary day, but
this will not conflict. Mothers
can be given due honor and a
good collection taken for missions
on the same day.

We have been requested to
give notice that Jesse Clark is no
more a minister nor a member of
the Church. We are always
sorry to make such reports, but
when wrongs are committed and
every possible step taken to re-
store without avail there remains
but one thing to do.

Brother J. S. Llewellyn has
started this week for Jamaica,
via. Key West, and Havanna,
Cuba. This is a missionary
journey to establish the Church
on several of the British West
India Islands. Pray for him.

I never could see where there
was any thing gained by preachers
or others constantly saying
that "the devil can talk in
tongues," or "hypocrites can talk
in tongues." Such expressions do
not seem very edifying, and Paul
exhorts us to "let all things be
done to edifying."

Some one has noticed our mis-
take in the Assembly Minutes
about the time for the next As-
sembly. The Assembly will con-
vene on the last day of Oct., this
year D. V. and continue in Nov.
as usual.

On account of irregularities of
freight shipments we are not able
to get supplies promptly and this
sometimes causes delays in filling
orders promptly as we would like.
We are always sorry when we
cannot fill orders promptly.

Hope every lover of the Evangel
will continue to aid us in so-
liciting subscriptions. We must
spread the good news about the
Church of God and this is one

good way to do it. Let every-
body consider themselves soliciting
agents and get all the sub-
scriptions they can. When you
want extra papers to hand out we
will gladly send them for the
asking. Will also take pleasure
in furnishing subscription blanks
when such are desired and can
be used.

Danville, Va.

Dear Readers of The Evangel—
May God Bless You Every
One:

The dear Lord led me to this
city and He has helped me in
giving out the Word on the
streets, in the homes and also in
the hall where we held services.

In Jesus' name we set a Church
of God in order with six members.
From this number we chose two
deacons, a clerk and treasurer.
Many more are coming into the
church soon.

The Lord has healed a number
of sick people here in answer to
the prayer of faith.

We have just closed a meeting
in one part of the city and are
beginning in another.

Sister Dovie Williams of Ashe-
ville, N. C., is here helping in
the meeting. God is using her
in giving out the Word, praying
for the sick and giving out inter-
pretations of tongues.

I am looking for a strong
church here. A number of people
are looking for the whole
Word of God and that is what
we mean to give. Several are
seeking God.

Well, beloved, as we are near-
ing the end let us all try to pray
a little harder and obey the Lord
better till He comes or calls.

Yours in the battle,
E. D. Hopkins.

Home address, Cullowhee, N. C.

Durham, N. C.

To The Household of Faith:

I want to praise God for salva-
tion through the blood of Jesus.
Praise His dear sweet name!

When I was seventeen years
old, Jesus began to knock at the
door of my heart. The enemy
of my soul, too, began to work
to try to destroy the work of
the Spirit. But praise God, he
didn't succeed.

As I sat and listened at the preaching of the
precious Word of God one night, the
burden became so heavy I
wanted to get free from it.

When the brother gave an op-
portunity to go to the altar I was
among the first there. I was so
hungry I began to pray and con-
fess and the Lord wonderfully
saved me.

And that night there
was a purpose planted in my
heart to serve God all the days of
my life and that purpose yet re-
mains, only it is more fixed than
ever.

Tonight I have a salvation that
keeps me free from sin. Praise
His name forever!

I can't hear any preaching
here but when I get my Evangel

I read it through before I stop.

I wish I could get it every day
in the week.

May the Lord bless you all.

Please pray for me.

Request.

Brother S. J. Jackson of Ar-
muche, Ga., is very sick and de-
sires the prayers of the saints.

Testimony.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—God
Bless You and All the Evangel
Readers:

I think the Evangel is the best
paper I ever read; it just suits
me. I am glad I ever met the
Church of God people.

About thirty-five years ago I
was saved and was sanctified as
a second blessing. God so blessed
me in my soul that I thought I
had the baptism of the Holy
Ghost and testified to it.

Last autumn I moved to Har-
risburg, Ill. I went around to
every church in the city trying
to get food for my soul, but the

unsanctified preachers could not
feed my soul.

I heard of the "Holy Rollers" (?)
at Johnson City, so I told my
wife I was going to hear them.
Bless God! Before I got inside
of the house I knew they had the
Spirit. I received some soul food
there.

Brother Barnett came to this
town with a tent. I attended
the services and was not long
finding out that I never had re-
ceived the baptism of the Holy
Ghost as they had on the day of
Pentecost.

I thank God that He ever let
the light shine upon my pathway.
I feel the fire burning in my
soul.

Some of my old friends say I
have backslidden because I "went
off with the tongues people."
I think they are mistaken. I
have rather gone forward. I
just love this way. Thank God!
It is the only way to heaven.

I believe we are in the last
days. I want to be ready when
Jesus comes I would love to
meet Him in the air.

I desire the prayers of all the
saints that I may keep humble
at Jesus' feet and do my best for
God and souls.

Your brother in Christ,
Jerry Miller.

Valdosta, Ga.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—May God Bless
You All:

I want to sound a note of praise
this morning to my dear Lord
for keeping and healing me.

While I was at Williston,
Florida in a revival I was taken
sick. I had fever for seven
days and suffered severe pain in
my left lung. It seemed like it
was more than I could bear.

One day I went to town in a
wagon with a man to get my
mail and while in the post office
I became very ill. I told the
gentleman that I had to get to some
place to lie down. So I started to the wagon praying
as I went. I had no one to pray
for me. I got to the wagon but
was in so much pain I knew I
could not live long in that con-
dition. I said, "Dear Lord, I
need your help so much; I can't
live without your help."

The meeting was on my heart and I
said, "Lord, if you want me to
preach any more you will have
to heal me and if you don't see
fit to heal me I want you to take
care of my children."

I was fac-
ing death; I thought sure I was
going to die. That night the
gentleman at whose home I was
stopping said to me:

"Now brother, I am sick my-
self and I'm going to take one
of these pink pills and I want you
to take one and get well. I
know it will do you good."

I replied: "Brother, you take your
pill and probably you will get
well; I am not going to take
any. When you get well you
will give the pink pill the glory."

I shall get well too, and shall
give God the glory."

I do want to thank the Lord
for healing me. I praise Him
for giving me grace to overcome.
I feel good in my soul today.

The Lord is blessing me in my
work. Many souls are being
saved. I am so glad I am one of
His children today.

Always pray for me and mine.

Your brother,
J. W. Murray.

Notice.

We are expecting to be at Point
Texas about May 20, D. V., and
to go from there to Paris, Texas,
about June 1, at which time we
expect to have our meeting for
that district. From there we ex-
pect to go to Lyra for a meeting
in that district.

These meetings are for teaching
and general instructions which
are necessary for all and especially
the officers of the church. I want to ask all of the
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to be present at these meetings.

I ask the saints to pray that I
may be used as an instrument in
God's hands in the saving of souls.

Your unworthy servant,
Geo. T. Brouayor

Elders in Council.

J. S. LLEWELLYN.

The meeting of the Elders in
council at Cleveland, Tenn., was
a time of great blessing and power.
All seemed to be at their best. Real unity prevailed.

Many important matters were
considered, which, when put into
operation, will prove a great
blessing to the Church of God in
general.

What a privilege to submit
ourselves one to the other in the
fear of God! What a heavenly
sweetness comes into our souls!

Missions, both home and for-
eign, claimed considerable at-
tention. Plans were laid for a
great forward movement along
this line at home and abroad.

The interest that the churches
are taking in missions is highly
appreciated by all concerned, but
if we could only hear the cries
for help surely we would more
than double anything we have
ever done. This world must
know of the great principles for
which we are standing.

The records at headquarters
were looked over by some of the
Elders and the system of book-
keeping considered and found to
be consistent with good business
and worthy of the respect and
confidence of the church in gen-
eral.

The entire office force

with glad hearts are rendering
good service. A thousand bless-
ings be on all of them.

The Bible School which closed
Friday night, April 5, I am sure
was a glad surprise to all present.

All the students made great pro-
gress and eternity alone will tell
the results. Surely those over the
seas will feel the effect of it.

Great progress is being made
along most every line and we have
many reasons to be encouraged

to move forward and expect this
to be the greatest year in the
history of the Church of God.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Evangel Readers:

This morning finds me still
saved and sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost for which I
praise God.

I feel very unworthy and feel
that I have done less for the
Lord than any of His children,
but He has wonderfully blessed
me with a witness as clear as the
noonday sun that I have been
born again and am truly a child
of the King.

I am determined to go all the
way with the Lord for there is
nothing in the world to turn
back to.

The coming of the
Savior is too near at hand to
reach out after the things of
this world and heap up treasures.

Oh! how much better it is to lay
up treasures in heaven where
they will not vanish as do earthly
things.

I feel this morning that I can
say like the weeping prophet,
Jeremiah, "Oh, that my head
were waters, and my eyes a
fountain of tears, that I might
weep day and night" for this
lost and dying world.

This world is in greater trouble and distress
than ever before in its history, yet sorrow has just begun.

My heart yearns over this lost nation
that fails to realize that all these
things are pointing to the soon
coming of our Lord.

People are looking for better times in the
future; it is good to have hopes
but it is wise to build them on
things eternal.

I wish I had words to express
how much encouragement I re-
ceive in reading the Evangel.

Doubtless the writers will have
stars in their crowns of which
they are not aware and will be
surprised when they reach their
reward.

We expect to have a restau-
rant on the grounds where all
can get meals, etc., at reasonable
rates.

For any further information
relative to the camp meeting
write Brother W. S. Caruthers,
Wimauma, Fla.

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WE MUST MOVE FORWARD

SAM C. PERRY.

The children of Israel had left Egypt. God was bringing them out with a mighty hand. Everything was moving well. They had traveled seventy-five or one hundred miles and were encamped by the Red Sea.

It was at this point that Pharaoh and his host were about to overtake them, and when the Israelites saw the Egyptians about to overtake them, they were very much distress and cried out unto the Lord. Moses assured them that God would fight their battles, and that there was no need to fear.

But just at this juncture God said "Move forward." And everything depended on their moving forward too. The Red Sea is to open before them, the pillar of cloud and fire is to guide them, the presence of the Lord is to be with them all the way. He is to feed them miraculously in the wilderness, even with manna from heaven. He is to protect them in the wilderness and take them through safely to the promise land, but all depends on their going forward."

God was able, His promises were faithful and sure, but they had to go forward to realize them. There was full protection and deliverance from all dread and fears, but if they had stood still, they would never have enjoyed that deliverance, they must go on.

And so today God has filled many thousands with His Holy Spirit, they moved out and made a good start, but if we let fear, alarm or persecution, or anything else hinder us, and stop us in our progress in spiritual things, we shall never reach that glorious, heavenly goal to which God is calling us.

It is true many seas of difficulties, and hosts of enemies are around us to intimidate and drive us back, but none of these things can hinder the true and faithful from reaching their desired haven, in the end. Nothing can stop them, they are going through.

This is surely no time to stop and parley over questions that are to no profit, it is no time to cavil about anything, we must move on.

Time is flying, opportunities are soon gone. Doors that are now open will soon close. We are losing time. Souls that should have been saved passed on and out of our reach while we were parleying, contending or finding fault with some who displeased us.

Thousands upon thousands today are indeed being engulfed in the seas of creeds and hosts of formality, who will never cross over and go through to the promise land. There is ever a tendency on the part of the human to drift into formality. It has been so in every dispensation of God's dealing with man, and it is so in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost as well.

Men who have been to Pentecost drift into forms and lose the power of God. We have many examples of this in modern times.

To keep in the safe way where we may make our peace calling and election sure, we must go forward with God. We must keep the freedom and unction of the Holy Ghost.

The children of Israel were not allowed to partake of the ways and fashions of the people about them. There was a careful separation. So God's word to His Spirit-filled, "Be separate." It is indeed a narrow way, but there is no other that leads to the eternal kingdom of blessedness, it is the one that our God has made for us, therefore we gladly embrace it—we want no other.

The things of earth surround us. The ways of other people

may seem more natural and popular than ours, they seem to get along better in the world than we, but it is enough for us to know that we are in the way which our Savior trod, and have His smiles and favor upon us. We fear no trial or difficulty that may come. So long as we keep in the presence of the God of battles all is well.

The seas and streams

At our command give way,
Nor hosts of enemies
Before our march can stay.

We must move on. It took heart searching and earnest seeking to obtain what we have already received, and the great heights and depths which are ahead of us can be reached by no other route.

The way is a way of crucifixion, sacrifice and toil. It is a way which is reached by no ordinary means, but by the whole-hearted, whole-soul way in which the prophets and apostles served God long ago.

The ordinary loose, careless way in which most worshipers serve will not do. That is the way which seemeth right unto a man whereof are the ways of death. Too many travel that way.

To enter into the highest order of Christian service we must go forward. We must go beyond those who are defeated, those who are failures, or those who are missing God's best.

It is not sufficient to live a life that God allows or even favors, but we want His highest approval. The very best is offered us if we will measure up. We must have this or doubtless we shall not gain the high place of honor open to us in the eternal kingdom.

In view of this very thing Saint Paul said, "Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

Notice the things which "are behind" must be put away out of mind, the things which are before are now the only object of pursuit. Too many weights and cares will hinder in this race. We are loaded down to the water line, and yet speak of winning a race. We should remember that God ever carries the necessary things for this journey, "Cast thy burden on the Lord" is His command, and how many are burdened down until they make no progress in the way.

We must go forward. Then you will have to unload. You will learn that we have a Great Burden Bearer. He will carry you and your burden too, and if He does not, you will fail. No need to go in your own strength. Without Jesus Christ you can do nothing; all of our greatest efforts and display and profession of no value unless the Spirit be in it.

We shall have to learn to walk in the Spirit. How often the brain and muscle are worn out and to little avail, when in the dower of the Holy Ghost the work would have been done easily, successfully, and with pleasure and satisfaction.

We must go forward in the power of the Spirit. Every channel must be open for His operation. Every power of body mind or spirit must be at His disposal, readily, cheerfully.

We must not put our notion and theories ahead of the Spirit, to do so would mean utter wreck, for ourselves and those over whom we may have any influence.

Many are doing this today. The Holy Ghost is crowded out. He does not have right of way.

I want all the saints to pray that I may do the Lord's

man, and otherwise, are allowed to take His place. These must be put out. The Comforter, the Holy Ghost, will lead you into all truth. Allow nothing to hinder Him and you shall have the full benefits of His presence in your life.

A thousand foes before us stand
And difficulties on every hand.
Satan and his hosts in full array
To withstand are in the way.

But what beyond these do I see?
Heaven's gate full wide for me,
And a way so ample and straight
Leads thro' all to this beautiful gate.

So we must press on today,
Nothing shall our progress stay;
For all heaven is looking on
Even angels, Father, Spirit and Son.

Catchings, Miss.

To the Dear Saints of God:

With the greatest interest I have just been looking over the soul stirring letters in the paper and it makes me want to join you as I feel like we are all kin-folks. I know if we are blood bought we are related. Bless the name of Jesus!

After a severe test I am still on the victory side shouting the praises of God. I have been in my room all evening reading the Word and praying. I find after a close examination that God really approves of me. Glory to His righteous name! It is most blessed to have His smiles upon us.

I was very ill last week for about three days. My chest hurt me so I could not allow the weight of my arms to rest upon it. I kept trusting the Lord for healing but didn't seem to get much better. The saints prayed, too. Finally the enemy suggested his remedies but I said, "Oh, no, if the Lord is through with me here I am ready to go." But I kept praying for God to heal me to His glory and I am well again and at His service.

I love the saints, the church and every ordinance of God better as the days go by, and I have an anxious longing in my heart to see Jesus coming for His bride.

My soul mounts higher. I love Jesus because He saved me to Himself. Even in childhood His loving voice kept calling me until I came to Him and after a complete surrender He saved me, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gave utterance. I am happy in Him and can say with David, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." Your sister in the battle to stay, Annie W. Tucker.

Binghamton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to sound a note of praise to God through our dear little paper. It brings such food to my soul. I never have the privilege of being with God's people. This is a hard place.

I praise the Lord for saving me from my sins, for sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I trust God for soul and body. The way grows sweeter and brighter to me every day.

I would be glad to hear from any of the sisters.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Thomas Spires.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation. I am praising Him for His kindness. One year ago He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and the fire is still burning in my soul. Praise God!

How I do thank God for such love as He gives His children. Hallelujah!

The Lord is wonderfully blessing His children at this place.

They have more love and are pressing forward to the glory land.

I want all the saints to pray that I may do the Lord's

will and given up into His hands, for I want to be ready to rise to meet Him when He comes in the air. We know that time is not far away. Let us all stand true, talk less and pray more so we will be ready when He comes to catch away His bride.

Your sister in Christ,
Cynthia Douglas.

Creston, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to write a few words to the precious little paper from which we obtain so much soul food. I just feel that we could not get along without it.

We live away out here in the mountains where there are only a few of the saints but we are holding on to God. Bless His holy name! If there ever was a time when we should hold on to God it is now.

I am so glad I have no desire for the world nor worldly things. I am so glad I ever became humble enough to let Jesus come into my heart to reign and rule. I praise His precious name for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I feel His blessed presence just now.

We are expecting to go to Crab Orchard next Saturday and Sunday at which time we will have the Lord's supper and foot-washing. Brother Goddard is our pastor. We praise the Lord for such a man as he.

I desire the saints to pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost and that my children may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
Mollie Sherrell.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

UNKNOWN PATHS

Isa. 42:16.

ALLENA C. CROY

I cannot see the way before me,
It seems but a trackless waste;
Yet I know the Father's hand is o'er
me,
In loving-kindness the way is traced.
To be by our loving Father led
Is always better than our choosing,
Through thorny way, or flowery mead.
I am ever gaining never losing.

Often times to our earth blinded eyes
It seems the hardest way to go;
We fill the way with tears and sighs,
That He who leads should have it so.

When could we read the Father's
ways
And see the loving purpose there,
Our hearts would overflow with praise,
Our voices rise in grateful prayer.

It matters not what His love denies
And withholds from our outstretched
hand,
In each denial a loving heritage lies
Richer and better than our largest
demand.

O do not doubt your loving Father's
care,
Or think He knows not what is best
for thee;
Often times His denial, from the tem-
pter's snare
Makes your pathway clear and free.

I know 'tis hard to blindly trust
When we wish for this or that so
dear;

But He who gives us all things just
Will give us all we need while here.

Snowville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of
praise for the April 6, issue of
the Evangel. It contains enough
good common sense spiritual food
to be worth the price of the
paper for a whole year. They are
all good, but this one just suits
me. I like articles on example
as well as precept, something
from which we can all derive
spiritual help. I appreciate the
lessons given in our paper from
the Word of God.

I've heard the voice of the
Lord calling me to come and help
reap the harvest and lost souls
are on my heart continually. In
this time of great trouble I feel
that those of us that are called
should lose no time in preparing
ourselves for the conflict, but we
should study the Scriptures pray-
erfully and patiently and be will-
ing to go when and where He
leads.

Instead of hiding our light under
a bushel let us put it on a
candle stick and let it shine so
that others may get a glimpse of
the goodness of God.

This is no time to faint by the
wayside, but time to put on the
whole armor of God and not be
defeated by, but defeat the devil
and his army. And listen, it
takes the whole armor to do the
work today. Listen again! You
cannot work for God one day and
for the devil the next day if you
expect to be used of God. I've
had some experience and I know
whereof I speak.

Oh, friends, there is real
pleasure in serving God. His
presence is so sweet. When the
battle is over and the victory is
won it will be blessed to be in
the crowd that helped to win it.
It seems that I could not enjoy
heaven's bliss, if it were even
possible for me to get there, with-
out having helped to fight the
battle against sin in this life.

I do so much want to see others
saved, members of my own
family as well as others. I want
to be able to tell people about
being born of the Spirit. There
are too many people who have
just a "think so" or "hope so"
religion, for those of us who have
been born again to be satisfied
to let them go on thinking that
will save them. We truly know
it will not. We must know we
belong to God by having been
born of the Spirit. If we are
true children of God we will want
to work for the Master.

God bless you all. Pray for
me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. C. W. Covey.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Readers of the Evangel—
Greetings in the Dear Name
of Jesus:

I am saved from sin and happy

in Jesus. Hallelujah! I feel
His presence now while I write.
Praise God!

A few weeks ago we were re-
quested to go to Woodbury, N.J.
to pray for a woman whom the
doctor said could not live as she
was a victim of tuberculosis. But
praise God, when we got there
and sang and prayed about
thirty minutes the Lord healed
her. She leaped out of bed,
shouted and praised God. This
was the first time she was able
to get out of bed for thirty days.

A Methodist preacher told me
that when he saw her walking
into the church and perfectly
well, he thought he had seen a
spirit, he could not believe his
eyes.

I thank God for giving us an-
other church in Nicetown, Phil-
adelphia, Pa., at 3955 German-
town Ave. Nine members were
enrolled.

I praise God for what He is
doing and for what He is going
to do for us.

May God bless you all.
Yours in Him,
C. F. Bright.

Fruitland Park, Florida.

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greet-
ings in the Name of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus:

I want to praise God for His
wonderful plan of salvation. He
saved and sanctified and gave
me the blessed Comforter accom-
panied by the Bible evidence as
at Acts 2:4. He still abides, praise God!

I often think we do not know
how to half appreciate the great
blessings of salvation as we
should. And to think God's plan
is for all if they would only ac-
cept Jesus and follow Him. Truly
God is no respecter of persons.

I praise God for health and
strength, for wondrously deliver-
ing me in childbearing as prom-
ised in His Word. What glorious
promises He has made to those
who love and serve Him. Let us all
trust Him more and more as we
see the day of His coming approach-
ing.

Truly this is a time when we
all need more grace and divine
love, when we should all work
together in harmony and make
a deeper consecration than ever
before. We should not grieve or
draw back because of persecution,
when Jesus says "Rejoice and be
exceeding glad." This is God's
plan, not ours, and if they do
persecute us we need make no
apologies for God's ways.

Please pray for me that I shall
stay humble and obedient to God
at all times doing His will, and
that my husband may receive
the Holy Ghost as he is so desirous
to receive Him. We are
members of the Church of God
and we certainly do enjoy reading
the Evangel each week; it is
spiritual food.

When you have read your
Evangel, don't destroy it but
hand it to someone to read.
May God bless all His children
everywhere.

One of the least of His,
Mrs. D. S. Annis.

Rumsey, Ky.

On March 15, 1917 Brother
J. A. Rich came to the Knobs
and began a meeting. At that
time I was as mean as the devil
wanted me to be. Though only
seventeen years of age I was
a cigarette smoker and whiskey
drinker and would mock the
Holiness people.

But today I am cleaned up and
on the battlefield for God. A
year ago last Easter Sunday
seventeen were baptized in
Green river and I was one of the
number. A few days later I re-
ceived the baptism of the Holy
Ghost and spoke with other
tongues as at Acts 2:4.

A little later Brother Rich
told us about the Church of God
and I marched in and am con-
tinuing in the apostles' doc-
trine.

I have forsaken all, have tak-
en up my cross and am following
Jesus. Some day I expect to

stand with the redeemed of earth
over on the other shore.

I desire the prayers of the
saints that I may stay in the
center of God's will.

Your brother in Christ,
Emitt Danies.

Bight, Long Island, Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We thought it our duty to
make a little collection to help
with the burial expenses of
Brother Buckalew since we have
heard about his death. We have
never seen him but we believed
him to be our dear brother in
the Lord.

The saints were quite willing
to drop in their little mite and
we have reached the amount of
eleven dollars (\$11.00).

Dear brother, pray for us here
at the Bight that we may be
ready for every good work. I
feel encouraged to go on.

Your brother in Christ,
Lawrence R. Darville.

[This amount is very greatly
appreciated in assisting to de-
fray the funeral expenses of
Brother Buckalew. I believe
God will reward the saints that
contributed. This does not pay
the entire bill, but we do not ask
for any more.

God bless the dear faithful
saints at the Bight for showing
their love for Brother Buckalew.
When we visited Long Island
Brother Buckalew was on their
shore probably an hour. We
stopped off there expecting to
have a meeting but were hindered,
so all we did was to offer
a few prayers. But since that
time God has done great things
for the people there.—Ed.]

PRIDE AND HUMILITY

PERRY W. HADSOCK

"When pride cometh then
cometh shame; but with the
lowly is wisdom."—Prov. 11:2.
"Before destruction the heart of
man is haughty, (proud) and be-
fore honour is humility."—Prov.
18:12. "A man's pride shall
bring him low; but honour shall
uphold the humble in spirit."—
Proverbs 29:23.

The best definition we can find
of the word "pride" is "great self-
esteem;" "haughtiness." The
best definition we can find of the
word "humility" is "the state or
quality of being humble;" "mod-
esty;" "self-abasement."

Though the wise man linked
them closely together, there is
quite a contrast in the two words.
He knew God and His dealings
with man, also man and his nature.
He knew that when pride
creeps in man goes to the bottom
before he knows how things happen.

Pride is something that can
not be kept hidden; it will surely
show itself.

Pride is one of the many snares
Satan has to entrap God's chil-
dren today. Why? The time
once was when all were little in
their own eyes, humble at the
feet of Jesus. You never heard
them talking about what "I did,"
but they gave God and the Holy
Ghost all the honor to whom all
honor is due.

But pride, oh, that monster
devil! he seizes so many and
what is to be their end? "Where-
fore he saith, God resisteth the

proud, but giveth grace unto the
humble."

We often hear this expression:
"I don't see why it is that we
(they should say I) can't have
the victory and good meetings
like we once did." We admit
that the days are darker and
more trials and tests are upon us,
but God is the same, He has
never changed. His power is
sufficient to do mighty wonders.
He is working mightily, but
through the humble.

Now this pride demon is very
easily located. It has fruits or
results. "He that is of a proud
heart stirreth up strife."—Prov-
ers 28:25. One possessed with
this demon can tear down more
than two can keep built up, be-
sides bringing shame to himself.
No matter how high one has
soared, his pride will bring him
low.

But not so with humility. As
long as one stays humble he is
gaining ground, for he is to be
honored, grace is to be bestowed
upon him.

Jesus is our pattern. He was
humble enough to leave His
throne and come to this world
and suffer and die that you and I
might live. His humility exalt-
ed Him above the angels.

Humility! "The fear of the
Lord is the instruction of wisdom
and before honour is humility."—
Prov. 15:33. "By humility and
the fear of the Lord are riches,
and honour, and life."—Prov.
22:4. We would like to have
riches, honor and most of all,
life; it all comes by being humble.
Seek to edify and help others,
shun "big I" and see results.
Pride casteth down. Humility
lifteth up.

Humble thyself and the Lord will
draw near thee;
Humble thyself and His presence
shall cheer thee.
He will not walk with the proud and
the scornful;
Humble thyself to walk with God.

Request.

I want to ask all the saints
everywhere to pray a special
prayer for me. I am suffering
with a serious stomach trouble.
I know the Lord can heal me. I
have been trusting Him about
four years and all the help I have
ever received has been from Him.

I want you to pray for me just
like you would want to be prayed
for.

Your unworthy sister,
Mary M. Hackney.

At Rest.

Dear Brother B. E. Murry of
Springville, Alabama departed
this life April 13, 1918, after a
short illness of two weeks. He
stood true to the end without a
drop of medicine.

The deceased was sixty-seven
years of age and was a dear
member of the Church of God.
We shall miss him but our loss
is heaven's gain.

The bereaved ones have our
sympathy and prayers.
His pastor,
W. M. Beaver.

Request.

Sister L. Rasmussen of Flat
Wood, Alabama is suffering at-
tacks of weakness. She desires
the prayers of the saints. She
also would be glad to have some
elderly lady who has the Holy
Ghost and has no family stay
with her and help her with her
housework.

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